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One day a tiny cricket is born and meets a big cricket who chirps his welcome. The tiny cricket tries to respond, but there is no sound. The quiet cricket then makes his way into the world, meeting one insect after another, each of whom greets the little cricket with a cheery hello--the hum of a bee, the whirr of a dragonfly, the whisper of a praying mantis. The cricket rubs his wings together each time, but nothing happens, not a sound. Until the day he meets another cricket, a female, and something different happens . . .

As children turn the page on this wonderful moment, they are greeted with a surprise--an actual chirp!

Full of Eric Carle's gorgeous and lush collage art, a gentle rhythmic text for read-alouds, and a wonder-inducing surprise at the end, *The Very Quiet Cricket* remains an all-time favorite from one of the true masters of picture-book making.

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Editorial Review

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A cricket is born who cannot talk! A bigger cricket welcomes him to the world, then a locust, a cicada, and many other insects, but each time the tiny cricket rubs his wings together in vain: no sound emerges. In the end, however, he meets another quiet cricket, and manages to find his "voice." Children will love the repetitive text as they meet a steady parade of new creatures (including a "spittlebug, slurping in a sea of froth"); and of course they'll delight in the happy ending. This is one of a series of large (11.5 by 8.5 inches) format Eric Carle books with a mechanical twist: in this case, the quiet cricket bursts into (surprisingly authentic) electronic song as you turn the last page. (The battery is replaceable.) An amusement for the ears, but most of all--as ever, with Carle--a feast for the eyes. The colorful cut-paper illustrations are simply gorgeous, drawing you in even on the hundredth reading. (And there will be a hundredth reading, followed by many more.) (Baby to preschool) --*Richard Farr*

From Publishers Weekly

A small cricket hatches "one warm day," and the other insects greet him. Though the little guy wants very much to respond, nothing happens when he rubs his wings together. Finally, as night falls, he spies another cricket and attempts to greet her. "And this time . . . he chirped the most beautiful sound that she had ever heard." As usual, Carle's art is lovely and his story is simple and satisfying. But this book has something *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and *The Very Busy Spider* didn't have: an electronic chirping mechanism activated by the turning of the last page. Though the surprisingly realistic noise may get on parents' nerves, it will certainly intrigue and entertain its intended audience. Ages 3-6.

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From School Library Journal

PreSchool-Grade 1-- Carle has created yet another celebration of nature. Ironically, it relies upon a high-tech gadget. When a baby cricket is born, a big cricket rubs his wings together to chirp "Welcome!" The little cricket attempts to reply, but there is no sound. On each double-page spread, the young creature encounters a variety of insects, but is unable to produce a sound to respond to their greetings. Finally, he comes upon another cricket, rubs his wings together, and chirps. Readers are then rewarded with a mechanically produced cricket's "chirp." Typical of Carle's style, the language is simple, with rhythm, repetition, and alliteration to delight young listeners. Painted collage illustrations are lavish and expressive. Unfortunately, while Carle takes full advantage of the opportunity presented by technology, he does so at the expense of the story. Although the attempt to provide a multisensory experience is an admirable one, he relies too heavily on gimmickry. The sound produced is not so much enhancement for the plot as it is essential to the resolution. Without it, the final outcome is flat and anticlimactic, and the text becomes tediously repetitive. Although the publisher promises that the "cricket's chirp will have a long life" if the book is closed after reading, it is difficult to gauge its life span in library circulation. The book is sure to attract a large audience, but readers who come to it after the novelty has worn off will be disappointed. --Starr LaTronica, North Berkeley Library, CA

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